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TO : Chief, SE
Attn: ☐ ☐
FROM : ☐ ☐
SUBJECT: GENERAL— OBOPUS

DATE:
INFO: Chief, KUGOWN, ☐ ☐
Attn: ☐ ☐

SPECIFIC— AIKERF Progress Report, 1 December 1953-15 February 1954

1. On 1 December 1953 the writer assumed the responsibility of HTGRUBBY for the duration of ☐ absence. Along with the normal duties which are required as supervisor of HTGRUBBY, the writer has been in frequent contact with AIKERF who is responsible for specific duties in his capacity as head of the Athens HTNEIGH office and a member of the General Committee of HTNEIGH.

2. AIKERF has been an extremely loyal and conscientious member of HTNEIGH and has constantly performed his duties competently without antagonizing the local authorities and Albanian emigres whom he is aiding in various ways through the medium of the welfare fund.

3. Since 1 December 1953 the writer has enlisted the aid of AIKERF several times each week in connection with HTGRUBBY activities, liaison with GALATEA, contact with Albanian emigres in Lavrion and elsewhere, meetings with OBOPUS informants from Lavrion, and other minor details. In connection with his HTNEIGH activities, AIKERF normally is responsible for the proper distribution and accounting of the welfare fund and operative fund, liaison with GALATEA, distribution of QKPALING and responsibility for maintaining HTNEIGH headquarters. On 1 February 1954, in addition to the above mentioned duties, he was charged with the daily monitoring of Radio Tirana, BBC and Radio Belgrade.

4. During the month of December AIKERF arranged weekly meetings with the writer and the OBOPUS informants from Lavrion. During this same period AIKERF also arranged for an interview of AIJINK by the writer and a meeting between the writer, ☐ and Identity (1). On 17 December 1953 AIKERF also instructed RNBRANDY to be present at the HTNEIGH office where the writer picked this man up and subsequently placed him in confinement.

5. During the month of January AIKERF, in addition to preparing the normal weekly meetings with the Lavrion informants, also maintained frequent liaison with GALATEA who had called to Athens, at the writer's request, various Albanian emigres. Upon reaching GALATEA's office these people were escorted by AIKERF to HTNEIGH headquarters and later returned to GALATEA. In the same period of time AIKERF arranged for another meeting with Identity (1) and the writer in connection with Identity (1)'s responsibilities as a newly appointed member of the General Committee. In the latter part of January AIKERF also made arrangements for Identity (2) to be interrogated by the writer in reference to his political activities which had aroused the wrath of GALATEA.

6. On 3 February

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6. On 3 February 1954 at the writer's request AIKERF contacted Woodrow B. Guattlebaum, Richard H. Zeff and Peter H. Wadborg and arranged for these three former members of HTGRUBBY to be present at the HTNEIGH office in order to receive letters of recommendation from the writer. During the remainder of this month AIKERF continued to assist the writer by arranging for meetings with various Albanian emigres from Lavrion to be interviewed by the writer. In this same period the writer conducted a lengthy discussion with AIKERF explaining the added responsibilities incurred by him since becoming a member of the General Committee.

Attachment (under separate cover)
Identities

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Identity (1) - Fiqri Dine

Identity (2) - Mitat Dine

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